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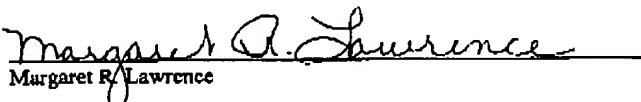
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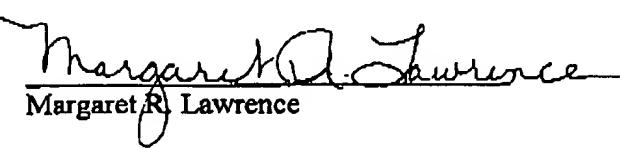
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CORRECTION OF RESPONSE TIMELY FILED ON MAY 18, 2004

On May 17, 2004, I typed and mailed a Response to the Office Action of February 18, 2004. In docketing the response, it was noted that the Response and all papers enclosed had an incorrect serial number listed as 10/831,131. The correct serial number is 09/831,131.

Respectfully submitted,

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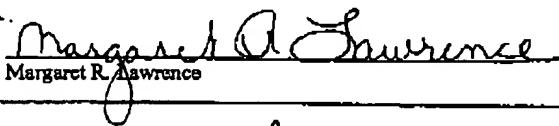
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A Preliminary Amendment

Responsive to the Office Action Dated February 18, 2004.

Supplemental to the Paper filed

A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.

A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings.

An Abstract is enclosed.

Three (3) replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 7 and 8.

Request is hereby made to accept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of black and white photographs comprising figure(s) is submitted herewith.

Petition is hereby made to accept drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case.

Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures _____.

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- An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph color.
- A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement.
 - Attached Form 1449.
 - A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- A Terminal Disclaimer is attached.
- Appendices as follows:
- Other
- No Additional Fee is Due.
- Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as
- This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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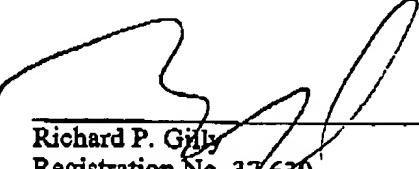
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- Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR §1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of 2 month(s).
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The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-2820.

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